



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gerard HOTIER et al.

Examiner: Alexis A. Wachtel

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Title: MAT ELEMENT THAT HAS A DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Abstract is amended for purposes of clarity and conciseness and placed on a separate page.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.

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